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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

including

REPORT

of

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the Year 1961

Divisional Health Office,
Oxford Street,
Bridlington.

To the Chairman, Alderman and Councillors,
Urban District of Driffield.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for 1961.

The Registrar General's figure for the year indicates a population of 6,820, a decrease of 200 compared with last year. There were 116 live births during the year compared with 118 last year, and an adjusted birth rate of 16.33 per 1,000 population compares with a national birth rate of 17.4 per 1,000 population. 166 deaths occurred during the year compared with 139 last year and an adjusted death rate of 14.36 per 1,000 population compares with a national death rate of 12.0 per 1,000. In considering the number of deaths which occurred, it must be borne in mind that there is situated in the district a hospital which accommodates long-stay geriatric patients. Many of these patients come from other districts and those who die, and have resided in the hospital for over six months, are considered as Driffield Urban District deaths. Thus approximately one quarter of the total deaths were of persons who would otherwise have resided in other districts.

Of the infectious diseases which occurred, measles was outstanding, there being 119 cases. Of these, only 1 was of a person over 14 years of age.

Concerning the sanitary circumstances of the area, these again varied little during the year. The scheme for the laying of sewers in Little Driffield and the connecting of this part of the district to the sewage disposal system was completed; also the relaying of sewers in certain of the northern parts of Great Driffield was in progress. The conversion of pail closets to the water carriage system continued and at the end of the year the number remaining was reduced to 148. The number of inhabited houses again increased, there now being 2,083 compared with 2,044 last year. 16 were built by the local authority and 23 by private enterprise.

In presenting this report I would like to express my thanks to Mr. Marsh and the staff for their work and help during the year, and also to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their constant support and interest.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

J.H. MAUGHAN

Medical Officer of Health

HEALTH COMMITTEE

Chairman of the Council

Councillor E.T. Carr, M.B.E., J.P.

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Chairman

Councillor F.A. Megginson

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Members

Alderman H. Leason, C.C.
Councillor E.P. Bates, M.A.
Councillor R.H. Duggleby
Councillor J.F. Grinstead
Councillor T.A. Naylor
Councillor E. Thompson

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Clerk of the Council

Allen Hornby

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Public Health Staff

Medical Officer of Health and Divisional Medical Officer
East Riding County Council

J.H. Maughan, M.B., B.S., D.P.H.

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Meat Inspector

W.P. Isherwood, M.R.C.V.S.

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Surveyor and Public Health Inspector

Thomas Marsh, A.I.A.S., M.A.P.H.I.

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Chemist and Assistant Sewage Works Manager

B.R. Moore, A.M.I.S.P.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in acres	2,420
Population : 1961 Registrar General	6,820
Rateable Value	£88,709
Sum represented by a penny rate	£359.10s.
Estimated number of inhabited houses	2,083

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births	
Number	116
Crude birth rate	17.01
Adjusted birth rate : Comparability factor R.G. 0.96	16.33
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	2.58
Still Births	
Number	2
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	16.95
Total live and still births	118
Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year)	1
Infant Morality Rates	
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	8.62
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	8.85
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	-
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	8.62
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	8.62
Perinatal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	25.42
Maternal Mortality (including abortion)	
Number of deaths	-
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	-
Deaths	
Number	166
Crude death rate	24.34
Adjusted death rate : Comparability factor R.G. 0.59	14.36

Deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis	-
Rate per 1,000 population	-
Deaths from Other forms of Tuberculosis	-
Rate per 1,000 population	-
Deaths from Respiratory Diseases	17
Rate per 1,000 population	2.49
Deaths from Heart Disease	51
Rate per 1,000 population	7.48
Deaths from Cancer	14
Rate per 1,000 population	2.05

PROVISIONAL STATISTICS - ENGLAND AND WALES

Births

Live births	17.4 per 1,000 population
Still births	18.7 per 1,000 total live and stillbirths

Deaths

Death rate	12.0 per 1,000 home population
Infant mortality	21.4 per 1,000 live births

Causes of Death in Driffield U.D., 1961 (R.G.)

	Males	Females
All causes	78	88
Cancer, stomach	1	-
Cancer, breast	-	2
Cancer, other sites	5	5
Leukaemia	-	1
Diabetes	1	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	13	16
Coronary disease, angina	10	9
Hypertension with heart disease	1	3
Other heart disease	13	15
Other circulatory disease	1	4
Influenza	-	1
Pneumonia	2	4
Bronchitis	8	2
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	2	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	15	21
Motor vehicle accidents	2	1
All other accidents	1	4
Suicide	1	-

INFANTILE DEATHS

Cause of Death	Under 1 week	1 to 2 weeks	2 to 3 weeks	3 to 4 weeks	Total under 4 weeks	1 to 3 months	3 to 6 months	6 to 9 months	9 to 12 months	Total deaths under 1 year
Congenital Malformations	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1

Notifiable Diseases	Under 1 year	1 - 4 years	5 - 14 years	15 - 24 years	25 - 44 years	45 - 64 years	Over 65 years	Total Deaths
Dysentery	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	4	66	48	1	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	6
Scarlet Fever	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-

Tuberculosis

The Register of Tuberculosis for the year is as follows :

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	Males	Females	Males	Females	
Number of cases on the Register at 31st December, 1960	18	12	5	4	39
Added to the Register:					
(a) cases notified for the first time during the year	-	-	-	-	-
(b) un-notified cases brought to notice otherwise than by formal notifications	-	-	-	-	-
Removed from the Register on account of death, change of address, etc..	-	-	-	-	-
Number of cases on the Register at 31st December, 1961	18	12	5	4	39

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED 1951 - 1961

	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	1
Erysipelas	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-
Measles	168	68	10	2	252	23	39	3	117	2	119
Pneumonia	6	5	5	3	8	4	3	5	7	-	5
Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	7	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis (Non-paralytic) .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	2	2	-	3	1	3	-	1	1	2	4
Typhoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	7	44	14	1	9	32	6	-	2	4	3

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area

Water

The town's water is supplied by the Driffield Water Company, the extraction being from two boreholes, one in Spellowgate and one at North Street, Driffield. The water is chlorinated in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health. The results of samples of water sent for bacteriological examination were as follows :-

Number examined 20 Number satisfactory 19 Number unsatisfactory 1

Sewage Disposal

The town's sewage is treated at the modern sewage works before being discharged into the Canal. Constant sampling and analysis is carried out at the works. The sewerage scheme for Little Driffield has been completed. Re-sewering of North Street, Eastgate North and Bridge Street is in progress.

Conversion of Pail Closets

During the year 14 pail closets have been converted to the water carriage system. At the end of the year 148 pail closets remain in use.

Refuse and Night Soil Collection

A weekly collection of household refuse has been maintained during the year. Refuse is disposed of on the Wold Hill Tip. During the summer months containers and pail closets are dusted with gammexane insecticide.

Salvage

During the year the following materials were salvaged and sold :-

Waste paper 26 tons 8 cwts. 2 qurs. £80. 3s. 6d.

Rodent Control

Disinfestation is carried out in accordance with the methods recommended by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Rodent Control Division.

During the year, the following premises have been disinfested :-

Business Premises	Private Dwellings	Council Premises	Public Sewers
6	3	3	2

Sanitary Inspection of the Area

Nature of visits of inspection :

Under Public Health Acts	93
Re Rodent control	341
Drains and sewers	116
Slaughterhouses	27
Factory premises	54
Caravans	14
Petroleum Regulations	15

Housing

Total number of houses in the district	2083
Number of new houses built during the year by the Local Authority	16
Number of houses built during the year by other owners	23
Number of houses dealt with under Sections 9 & 10 of the Housing Act, 1957	3
Number of houses demolished during the year	0
Number of new houses in course of erection at the end of the year (a) by the Authority	31
(b) by private owners	10
Number of houses improved during the year under the Housing Acts by (a) Standard Grants	10
(b) Discretionary Grants	13
Number of houses in course of improvement during the year under the Housing Acts by (a) Standard Grants	0
(b) Discretionary Grants	0
Number of inspections carried out under the Housing Acts during the year	62

Food Premises

(a) The numbers of food premises in the area are :-

Meat shops	9
Grocery and General provision	10
Mixed, Grocery and Confectionery	15
Confectionery (Sweets &c.)	8
Greengrocers	8
Cooked meat products	1
Bakers and confectioners	7
Food preparing premises	6
Fish shops	2
Fried fish shops	7

(b) The number of food premises registered under Section 16, Food & Drugs Act, 1955, is :

Premises registered for the manufacture of ice cream	1
Premises registered for the storage of ice cream	38
Premises registered for the preparation or manufacture of sausages, potted, pressed, pickled or preserved foods	25

(c) Number of inspections of food premises 100

(d) Method of disposal of condemned foods :

Carcases, organs and offal are collected by persons authorised by the Council. Other foods are collected by the Cleansing Staff and either burned or buried on the refuse tip or returned to the Manufacturers.

(e) The Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations 1947 - 1952

One manufacturer is registered in the area, the plant complies with the requirements of the regulations.

(f) Inspection of Foodstuffs

The following articles of food were found to be unfit for human consumption and were destroyed :-

		lbs.
203	tins of meat	343
581	tins of vegetables	574
45	tins of milk	30
184	tins of fruit	280
1228	tins of fish	338
45	tins of rice	36
230	cartons of cheese	113
120	packets coconut mallows and biscuits	140
59	tins of coffee	4
42	packets of sponge cake	11
34	jars of cream	8
43	jars of onions	33
	Wet fish	42

Slaughterhouses

Five slaughterhouses are licensed in the area

Carcases and offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	Cattle including Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	2383	172	10717	5447	-
Number inspected	2383	172	10717	5447	-
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci					
Whole carcases condemned	2	1	52	18	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	584	4	53	372	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	24.79	2.91	0.98	7.16	-
Tuberculosis only					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	1	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	170	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	3.12	-
Cysticercosis					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised or totally condemned	1	-	-	-	-

Factories Acts 1937 - 1948

Part 1 of the Act

1. Inspection for purposes of provisions as to health :-

Premises	No. on Register	No. of Inspections	No. of Written Notices	No. of Prosecutions
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	42	19	-	-
(2) Factories in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	66	25	2	-
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	6	4	-	-
	114	48	2	-

2. Cases in which Defects were found :-

Particulars	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector	No. of Prosecutions
Re Intervening space to W.Cs.	3	3	-	3	-